



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 954

Senate, April 11, 2017

The Committee on Education reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist. and SEN. BOUCHER of the 26th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2017*) The Department of Education, in
2 consultation with the Office of Early Childhood, the Early Childhood
3 Cabinet, established pursuant to section 10-16z of the general statutes,
4 and two providers of private preschool programs, as selected by the
5 Commissioner of Early Childhood, shall develop a plan for the
6 provision of preschool to all children three and four years of age in the
7 state for the school year commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year
8 thereafter. Such plan shall include, but need not be limited to, the
9 utilization of public and private preschool programs and assistance for
10 local and regional boards of education to implement such plan. Not
11 later than January 1, 2019, the department shall submit such plan and
12 any recommendations for legislation necessary to implement such plan
13 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
14 cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with the

- 15 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |
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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2017</i> | New section |
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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

There is no cost for the State Department of Education or the Office of Early Childhood to develop a plan related to universal preschool, as they have sufficient expertise in the area.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

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